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UM LIBRARY BANQUET HONORS MSU PRESIDENT

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Author and Montana State University President Michael Malone will receive the H.G. Merriam Award for Distinguished Contributions to Montana Literature Wednesday, April 14, during the Friends of the Mansfield Library Annual Spring Banquet at Missoula's Holiday Inn Parkside.

Banquet tickets cost \$18 per person, and reservations may be made by calling the Mansfield Library at (406) 243-6800. The evening begins with a no-host reception at 6:30 p.m., followed by dinner starting at 7 p.m. Reservations should be made by April 9.

The Friends of the Library, based at the Maureen and Mike Mansfield Library at The University of Montana, has honored authors for contributions to Montana literature at each spring banquet since 1952.

Malone has co-authored eight books since 1976, including "Montana: A Contemporary Profile," "Montana - A History of Two Centuries" and "The Battle for Butte: Mining and Politics on the Northern Frontier," which earned him the Emil and Kathleen Sick Award for Western History. Malone currently is under contract with Yale University Press for a book on the historiography of the West.

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Malone has authored more than 20 articles and book chapters, presented papers to numerous learned societies and written book reviews in a dozen academic journals and several popular journals. He also has been named an outstanding alumnus of Washington State University and Gonzaga University.

UM history Professor Harry Fritz will be master of ceremonies during the banquet. Missoula musician Jodi Marshall will provide music during the event.

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